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25 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Photographic Interpretation Center

SUBJECT : Request for Approval to Pay Overrun on [REDACTED]  
"Automatic Viewgraph Generator"

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REFERENCE : PSG Memorandum 036/68 Dated 12 March 1968

1. This memorandum requests approval to expend past year R&D funds for an overrun on the Automatic Viewgraph Maker. The specific request is contained in Paragraph 4.

2. In FY-1967, NPIC contracted with the [REDACTED] to fabricate two Automatic Viewgraph Generators for [REDACTED]. On 24 August 1967, NPIC representatives were informed by the company that there would be an overrun [REDACTED] to complete two Viewgraph Generators or [REDACTED] to complete one. [REDACTED] stated that the reasons for the overrun were that: (1) they did not estimate their costs correctly while the contract was being negotiated and, (2) they encountered unanticipated development difficulties. Specifically, [REDACTED] claimed that a special cassette design was required to provide room light loading of the production material. Also, magnification requirements necessitated re-design of the optical head, copyboard orientation and elevator mechanism.

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3. The Production Services Group has reaffirmed their need for the Automatic Viewgraph Generator in the referenced memorandum. During 1967, approximately 5,000 film positives were produced in the Photo Lab for incorporation in viewgraphs. This equipment will reduce the number of man-hours as well as the time interval required to produce viewgraphs. The Imagery Analysis Staff has re-examined their need for the second Automatic Viewgraphs Generator under the original contract. They have stated that their present anticipated use of the equipment would not justify the additional expenditure; as a consequence, we are recommending cancellation of one instrument.

4. The Technical Services and Support Group supports PSG's requirement for the Automatic Viewgraph Generator. It is recommended that the payment of [REDACTED] be provided to [REDACTED] to complete one of the units. Every effort should be made to negotiate this overrun on a cost ceiling arrangement. The Budget and Finance Branch has affirmed that sufficient FY-1967 funds are available to cover this cost.

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Chief, Technical Services & Support Group  
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